

user-face-direction detection information.

37. A group-determination-table generating device for generating a group determination table used for grouping information sent from each communication device according to the degree of attention of the user of each communication device in a communication system having at least three communication devices, comprising:

statistics means for reading attention-degree patterns indicating the degree of attention which the user of each communication device pays to information sent from other communication devices and group structure patterns indicating the group state of each user, and for collecting statistics on the attention-degree patterns and the group structure patterns;

determination means for determining the correspondence between each attention-degree pattern and one of the group structure patterns from the statistics obtained by the statistics means; and

determination-table generating means for generating a group determination table indicating attention-degree patterns and group structure patterns for which the correspondence is determined by the determination means.

38. A group-determination-table generating device

according to Claim 37,

wherein the statistics means collects statistics by regarding a plurality of attention-degree patterns substantially the same as one representative attention-degree pattern; and

the determination means determines the representative group pattern corresponding to the representative attention-degree pattern, and then, according to the determination, determines the correspondence between each attention-degree pattern and one of the group structure patterns.

39. A communication method for a communication system having at least three communication devices, comprising:

a seating-order generating step of generating seating-order information at each point of time for information sent from each communication device; and

a transmitting step of sequentially transmitting the seating-order information generated in the seating-order generating step to each communication device.

40. A seating-order determination method for a seating-order determination device provided for a communication system having at least three communication devices, comprising:

a seating-order-information generating step of

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generating seating-order information at each point of time for information sent from each communication device; and

a transmitting step of sequentially transmitting the seating-order information generated in the seating-order-information generating step to each communication device.

41. A seating-order determination method according to Claim 40, further comprising a receiving step of receiving attention-degree information indicating the degree of attention which the user of each communication device pays to the information sent from each communication device,

wherein, in the seating-order-information generating step, the seating-order information is generated according to the attention-degree information received in the receiving step.

42. A seating-order determination method according to Claim 41, wherein the degree of attention is determined according to user-behavior detection information or information specified by the user.

43. A seating-order determination method according to Claim 42, wherein the user-behavior detection information includes user-sight-line detection information.